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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 535
By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of former Middleton Mayor
James S. Simpson.

WHEREAS, it was with deep regret that the members of this body and the residents of
Hardeman County learned of the death of one of our most beloved citizens, popular banker and
former Middleton Mayor James S. Simpson; and

WHEREAS, a native of Shelby County, Mr. Simpson was born on April 3, 1929, the son
of the late Francis L. and Ruth Webb Simpson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simpson served his country with valor for four years in the United
States Air Force and his state for two years in the National Guard. He was active in the
Veteran's of Foreign Wars and the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, the highly regarded Mr. Simpson was associated with the Bank of Middleton
for 43 years, and served admirably as the bank's chief operating officer and chairman of their
board of directors since 1990; and

WHEREAS, his strong desire to help Middleton grow and prosper led to his election as
mayor, a post he held for 18 productive years; and

WHEREAS, under his able guidance, Middleton was able to attract Dover Elevator and
other industries, an important accomplishment which boosted employment and morale; and

WHEREAS, he also helped to re-establish the area Boy Scouts, a program that
continues to benefit numerous young persons; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Simpson also organized the Middleton Fire Department and served expertly as the department chief for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simpson's countless contributions to Hardeman County also his included outstanding service as a member and chairman of the county board of education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simpson was an active member of the Middleton United Methodist Church, having served the church as chairman of the finance committee and followed God's commandment "to go and make of all disciples" as a valued member of the Gideons International; and

WHEREAS, he also generously contributed his time and talents as a 32nd Degree Mason with the Adams Lodge 264 and as a member of the Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simpson was married to the late Faye Simpson and was the loving father to daughter, Karen S. Brown, and son, Jimmy Simpson, both of Middleton; and grandfather to three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to honor the memory of James S. Simpson and reflect on his many contributions to the public good; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of James S. Simpson and express our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution duly inscribed be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.